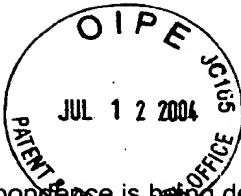


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Applic. No. : 09/936,067 Confirmation No: 9262  
Applicant : Holger Müller et al.  
Filed : September 5, 2001  
Title : Process and Device for Producing Components and Semifinished Products from Synthetic Graphite or Ceramic Granules, In Particular for Producing Graphite Tubes  
Art Unit : 1732  
Examiner : Mark Eashoo  
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R E S P O N S E

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group I, claims 1-9 and 15, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the device claims of group II at a later date.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-0 and 15 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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